indeed were came to the door of the chinch whcie he was, and made towaids him, leaping and dancing upon him, md iollowing him out of the chuich and whcicvci he went, to the gieat astonishment of all the townsmen ol Saltpans

Having signed this confession Dr Fian was taken back to prison, where for a time he appealed veiy penitent, but m the night he found means to steal the key of the puson door, which he opened and fled away to Saltpans Hot pursuit was made after him, and he was taken and bi ought back to pnson There being called before the King he was again examined concerning his flight and what had happened before But notwithstanding his former confession, he utterly denied all The King there- fore thinking that he had made a ficsh league with the devil, commanded a new and most strange toiment to be applied to him The nails on his fingers were split md pulled off with a pair of pincers and under every nail were thrust two needles up to the heads But for all this, and foi the torments of the boots which followed, he would not confess, but said that what he had said and done before was for fear of the pains which he had endured After great consideration by the King and his Council, Dr Fian was arraigned and condemned to be burned according to the law of the land Whereupon he was put m a cart, and being first strangled was cast into a fire made ready and so burned on the Castlehill in Edinburgh on a Saturday at the end of January last past

ist March MEN TO BE IMPRESTED FOR SERVICF IN FRANCF

As well as the 330 already imprcstcd, the Lord Mayor is to cause 200 able and sufficient men to be taken up and delivered to Sir Matthew Morgan, and because there arc but 400 men

musketeers in the whole 1600 soldiers and it is thought that more shots in proportion to the number of the pikes are needful, so these 200 serve as shot

SIR EDMUND YORKE'S INSTRUCTIONS

Sir Edmund Yorke is required immediately on his arrival at Dieppe to muster all his companies and to deal very earnestly with the Governor of Dieppe m the Queen's name to take strict order that no bark or vessel whatever receive any English soldier that cannot show his licence to depart

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